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## STATEMENT BY HOUSE MAJORITY LEADER DICK ARMEY REGARDING PROPOSED RELIGIOUS FREEDOM AMENDMENT

I support this proposed Religious Freedom Amendment, and am pleased that we are moving forward on it. Its simple language not only will preserve voluntary school prayer, but also re-establish proper protection for religious liberties which have been eroded by our courts.

As the RFA is considered in the House we expect to have the thoughtful review and discussion which any constitutional amendment deserves, to assure that the language preserves our precious religious freedoms for people of all faiths in America, and ends the all-too-common efforts to stifle religious expression in America's public life. Judiciary Committee Chairman Henry Hyde has indicated that his committee is ready to act on this issue. For too long the American people have wanted redress to correct the mistaken rulings of our courts, and this amendment will at long last do so.